

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Remarks

Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action mailed September 14, 2006, the claims were divided into 3 groups: Group I, claims 1-18, drawn to a method of modifying steroid production in a mammal; Group II, claims 19-28, drawn to a method of screening compounds; and Group III, claim 29, drawn to a compound. However, claims 1-18 were previously canceled by Applicant in a Preliminary Amendment filed on November 12, 2003. Therefore it appears that the Examiner intended to divide the claims into two groups.

In response, Applicant elects Group II, claims 19-28, without traverse, and cancels claim 29. Applicant reserves all rights to file divisional and continuation patent applications.

Favorable consideration of claims 19-28 is respectfully solicited.

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